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GOTHAM CITY
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TEAM YEAR ZERO

OH, GET IT! GET IT!

GOALLLLLL!!!

GIRL, YOU'RE ON FIRE!

PLEASE. I ALWAYS BEAT HIM.

ALWAYS?

SHE'S LIKE RIDICULOUSLY GOOD AT EVERYTHING.

WHO WANTS PIZZA?!

YOU ORDERED IN PIZZA?

DON'T BE ABSURD, MASTER RICHARD. I ORDERED THE BOXES. I MADE THE PIES.

GIORDANO'S PIZZA

I'M KINDA SURPRISED YOU'RE NOT IN DHABAR...

I WOULDN'T MISS YOUR BIRTHDAY. BESIDES...

"...DHABAR'S COVERED."

DHABAR
DECEMBER 1, 21:12 UTC+2
TEAM YEAR ZERO

WELL, HELLO! I WAS HOPING WE'D RUN INTO YOU KIDS AGAIN...

YEAH... UH... HI.

SUPERMAN, I KNOW IT'S YOU.

WHAT?! I MEAN, WHAT IS THIS?!

DON'T WORRY. CONNER ISN'T ON THIS *MIND-LINK.*

DID YOU KNOW HE KEEPS ***NO MIRROR*** IN HIS QUARTERS? HE RARELY SEES HIS OWN FACE...

...SO ***HE*** DOESN'T RECOGNIZE YOU. BUT I KNOW HIS FEATURES BETTER THAN I KNOW MY OWN.

YOU ***CAN'T*** HIDE THE RESEMBLANCE FROM ME. AND I DON'T LIKE ***LYING*** TO MY BOYFRIEND.

M'GANN, TRY TO UNDERSTAND... I WANT TO GET TO KNOW HIM...

...AS A PERSON. NOT AS SUPERMAN'S *CLONE.*

THERE THEY ARE...

...QURACI PRESIDENT ***RUMAAN HARJAVTI,*** HIS BROTHER ***SUMAAN*** AND HIS DAUGHTER ***NOOR.***

QUEEN BEE WANTS ***VENGEANCE*** AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, SO WE HAVE TO STAY ALERT.

MAYBE QUEEN BEE WILL LET IT GO THIS TIME...

"...MAYBE SHE'S WRITTEN QURAC OFF...

"...WE JUST DON'T KNOW."

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CHAPTER FOUR: DO NOT PASS GO

THE WATCHTOWER
DECEMBER 1, 16:55 EST
TEAM YEAR FIVE

WATCHTOWER TO BATMAN, AQUAMAN, GREEN ARROW AND BLACK CANARY...

...I HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE *CRISES.*

BIO-SHIP
DECEMBER 1, 21:55 UTC
TEAM YEAR FIVE

"THE TEAM'S *GAMMA SQUAD* STILL PURSUES THE ALIEN VESSEL THAT LAUNCHED FROM THE MOON...

"...AND WHICH WE BELIEVE *ABDUCTED* OUR PEOPLE AND OTHERS."

KYLSTAR'S VESSEL
DECEMBER 1, 21:55 UTC
TEAM YEAR FIVE

METROPOLIS
DECEMBER 1, 16:56 EST
TEAM YEAR FIVE

"MEANWHILE, WE ARE MAINTAINING VISUAL COMMUNICATION WITH *BETA SQUAD*...

"...WHICH IS TRAPPED WITHIN THE *FORCE FIELD* SURROUNDING *METROPOLIS*--

"--AND IS STILL TASKED WITH PROTECTING *NOOR HARJAVTI* FROM THE OPERATIVES OF QUEEN BEE.

"SIMULTANEOUSLY, *OUR* OPERATIVES INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL *SOURCE* OF THE FORCE FIELD..."

"...AND CONFRONT THE *SECOND* ALIEN VESSEL THAT HOVERS ABOVE METROPOLIS."

GOTHAM CITY
DECEMBER 1, 16:57 EST
TEAM YEAR FIVE

YOU WILL BE UPDATED ON ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

BATMAN, SHOULDN'T WE GET TO METROPOLIS?

AND WHAT WOULD WE DO THERE THAT ISN'T ALREADY BEING DONE?

WE EXIST TO ***STAND UP*** WHERE AND WHEN OTHERS CAN'T OR WON'T--

--NOT TO CONSIDER OURSELVES MATCHLESS.

"BESIDES..."

YOU GOOD?

METROPOLIS
DECEMBER 1, 17:30 EST
TEAM YEAR FIVE

"...METROPOLIS IS COVERED."

RHAAHRRRR

GRRRRRRR

KYLSTAR'S VESSEL
DECEMBER 1, 22:31 UTC
TEAM YEAR FIVE

LISTEN, *UH...* ***ORB.*** WE'VE BEEN PRETTY PATIENT SO FAR...

BUT WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN ACCOMPANYING YOUR ***"FIRST LEADER"*** ON HIS ***"JOURNEY"***...

...PLEASE ASK *KYLSTAR* TO RETURN US TO *EARTH.*

HOLD. TRANSLATING REQUEST.

HOLD. TRANSLATING RESPONSE.

TRANSLATION: *WEAPONS* BELONG IN THE *WEAPONS ROOM.*

THAT DOES IT--

TELL KYLSTAR WE ARE *NOT* WEAPONS. WE ARE *SENTIENT BEINGS.*

TRANSLATING RESPONSE.

TRANSLATION: MANY WEAPONS ARE *PROGRAMMED* FOR INTELLIGENT AND INDEPENDENT THOUGHT.

YOU WERE THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS YOUR PITIFUL PLANET HAD TO OFFER.

YOUR LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE WILL NOT BE HELD AGAINST YOU.

DO WE HAVE TO TAKE THIS?

NO.

BUT WE CAN'T BUST *OUT* INTO THE *VOID OF SPACE*, SO...

SSSSSSSSSS

OUR OBJECTIVE IS UNCHANGED. WE STILL NEED TO FIND HIS--

--TELEPORTATION DEVICE.

TRANSLATION: FIRST LEADER KYLSTAR BELIEVES YOUR ORGANIC PROGRAMMING IS FLAWED...

...IN THAT YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE HIS *SUPERIORITY* AS WORTHY OF SERVICE.

OUT OF KINDNESS, HE WILL *PERSONALLY* REPROGRAM ALL OF YOU.

"*REPROGRAM?*" HOW DOES HE PLAN--

WHAM

UH-OH.

WHOOMPH!

METROPOLIS
DECEMBER 1, 17:45 EST
TEAM YEAR FIVE

STILL NO RESPONSE.

THEN I THINK IT'S TIME.

THERE'S NO FORCE FIELD AROUND THE SHIP...

...PROBABLY TO ENABLE IT TO FIRE OFF THIS BEAM--WHATEVER IT IS.

SO THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP US.

WHOA. IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THIS THING EVEN BIGGER ON THE INSIDE THAN ON THE OUTSIDE?

IT'S NOT JUST YOU.

ATTENTION, EARTH TRESPASSERS...

...YOU ARE UNWELCOME ABOARD MY VESSEL.

WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU?!

I AM KNOWN BY *MANY NAMES* THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY...

...VRIL DOX, NOTLIMENIF, THE COMPUTER TYRANT OF BRYAK, THE BRAIN OF COLU, THE MANIAC OF YOD...

...BUT TO MOST I AM SIMPLY *THE COLLECTOR OF WORLDS.*

COLLECTOR, WE HAVE COME TO--

I KNOW WHY YOU HAVE COME. ON A TRULY POINTLESS ERRAND...

...CONSIDERING I DO YOUR DOOMED PLANET THE *HONOR* OF *PRESERVING* ONE OF ITS CITIES.

I CANNOT BE DISSUADED. NOR SHOULD YOU TRY.

"DOOMED?" WHY DO YOU SAY EARTH IS--

IF HE CAN'T BE *DIS*-SUADED...

...HE'LL...

...HAVE...

...TO BE...

...*PER*-SUADED!

YOU MOVE QUICKLY. BUT MY *TWELFTH-LEVEL COLUDROID BRAIN* IS QUICKER...

...ALLOWING ME TO PREDICT YOUR MOVEMENTS IN ADVANCE.

"*COLUDROID.*" THEN YOU ***ARE*** A ***MACHINE...***

...I SUSPECTED AS MUCH WHEN I COULD NOT READ YOUR MIND.

AND THUS YOU SEE FIT TO *DISMEMBER* ME TELEKINETICALLY?

YOU HAVE LEFT US WITH LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO DISABLE YOU.

BUT MY SKELETON IS COMPOSED OF *REINFORCED BRYAKSIUM*. YOU HAVE NOT THE POWER TO *HARM* ME.

AND YET I ***DO*** HAVE THE POWER TO *DISTRACT* YOU.

SO YOU BELIEVE.

BUT I CALCULATE YOUR LITTLE FRIEND WOULD DISAGREE.

THE BIO-SHIP
DECEMBER 1, 22:48 UTC
TEAM YEAR FIVE

SO IS THIS HOW IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE?

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT ON THE SURFACE-WORLD. I *DREAMED* THEY WOULD.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I DON'T LOOK *PURE* HUMAN, SO I'M RELEGATED TO *HIDING* UNDERWATER OR ON THIS SHIP...

I KNOW, I KNOW, I'M A *JERK* FOR EVEN BRINGING IT UP WHEN SUPERBOY'S LIFE IS AT STAKE...

BUT YOU'RE *BEAUTIFUL!* YOU FIT RIGHT IN!

TH-THANK YOU...BUT YOU *KNOW* THIS ISN'T MY TRUE *PHYSICAL* FORM, RIGHT?

YEAH, I'VE HEARD, BUT...

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND. IT'S WHY I DREAMED OF COMING TO EARTH, TOO...

THEN IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT YOU *SEE*...

THIS *ISN'T* WHO I AM. IT'S JUST THE BODY I WAS BORN WITH.

IF THIS IS SUPPOSED TO SCARE ME OFF, IT'S NOT WORKING.

SCARY'S WHEN *I* LOOK IN THE MIRROR.

YOU'RE NOT THAT SCARY, EITHER.

OKAY, YOU JUST SHIFTED INTO THE ONE SHAPE THAT ***DOES*** FREAK ME OUT...

SORRY.

WELL, I ***GUESS*** I COULD GET USED TO IT...

BEEP BEEP BEEP

PROXIMITY ALERT.

RIGHT...

"...WE'RE ALMOST THERE!"

KYLSTAR'S VESSEL
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TRANSLATION: FIRST LEADER KYLSTAR IS PLEASED WITH YOUR PROGRESS.

TELL KYLSTAR HE HASN'T *SEEN* PROGRESS YET!

WELL, AREN'T YOU GOING TO TRANSLATE HIS RESPONSE?

THE FIRST LEADER WILL RESPOND PERSONALLY.

AH, COME ON...

WHOMP

METROPOLIS
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TEAM YEAR FIVE

DAILY PLANET

...AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, THE *PROBE* IS AT THE *EXACT CENTER* OF THE FORCE-FIELD SPHERE...

...IT'S DEFINITELY GENERATING *SOMETHING*--

--BUT I COULDN'T BUDGE IT, DENT IT OR SHORT IT OUT.

WE NEED *BETA SQUAD* TO ATTACK IT FROM THE *INSIDE* OUT.

TODAY'S SPECIALS

BUT THAT WOULD LEAVE *MS. HARJAVTI* UNPROTECTED!

GAR, IT'S CLEAR THIS WHOLE *ALIEN SPACESHIP THING* ISN'T ABOUT MS. HARJAVTI.

NO ONE KNOWS SHE'S HERE, AND HER BODYGUARD IS WITH HER.

SO WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE, I *GET* IT...

"...I JUST HOPE WE DON'T *REGRET* IT."

STRANGE. YOUR BIOCHEMISTRY SEEMS OVERLY SENSITIVE TO HEAT.

ARRRGGGHH

STRANGER STILL--FOR ONE SO FAST ON HIS FEET, YOUR FRIEND SEEMS SLOW TO UNDERSTAND...

...HE CANNOT OUTRUN THE SPEED OF MY THOUGHTS.

AND THE *IRONY* OF THIS ONE CHANGING HIS SIZE TO ATTACK IS NOT LOST ON ME, EITHER.

BUT I AM OTHERWISE OCCUPIED AT THIS TIME. SO I REQUIRE YOU TO DEPART MY VESSEL...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

ALPHA SQUAD TO MARTIAN MANHUNTER. THE PLAN WORKED. WE'RE IN.

MANHUNTER...? J'ONN, DO YOU READ?!

J'ONN!!

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